

Larry Becker's  
**Out of Body**

**EFFECT:** Take out and display a deck of normal cards cutting and shuffling as you like. Turn them face up to show them being all ordinary and different, as you cut and mix also. Tell them that in a moment that you will turn your back and while your back is turned that you will want someone to cut the cards like this (you demonstrate by giving the cards a straight cut and by repeating it. You now choose a person, and have them cut the cards for you as you've just shown them, so you know for certain that they will do it correctly. That done, turn your back to the person, tell them to cut the cards as they did before. Now have them take the top card, and look at it. Once this is done have them hide the card, like between their hands, or perhaps in a shirt pocket. That being done you turn around explaining what has just happened. Now pick up the deck and put it in it's case (while keeping the deck face down the whole time) as you do so. Pocket the deck. Now slowly read the mind of the spectator. Once that's done take back their card and put it back in it's case along with the others as you are now done.

**METHOD:** This is based pretty much on Larry Becker's trick "Out of Body", where he claims to go into the card box in spirit form and tell which card is missing. He uses a Si Stebbin's stack as I do in this trick. When you start you can give the deck as many false shuffles and cuts as you like while displaying them as ordinary and different. He has a flap cut where an index is. Then inside the flap he has this paper material that's a mirror that reflects the index by just moving the flap just a hair. I just simply have a small square cut out in the bottom right hand side so as to see the index. Its on the back of the box (the side where the flap is connected). Set the deck in **CHaSeD** order, which is Club, Hearts, Spades, Diamond order. Add 3 as you do that. An example would be 2 of Hearts, 5 of Spades, 8 of Diamonds, until you go through the entire deck. So anyway the deck is stacked and the box has a square cut out on the index on the back, and you've shown the cards and so on. Give the deck a complete cut saying to someone "cut the cards like this while my back is turned". Have them do it to show you they know EXACTLY how to do it without making a big deal out of it. So now they cut the cards and take the top card and put it in a hiding place. Turn back around and go over again what has happened. Take the deck always facing down, and box it. Do a quick peek at the cut out index making sure no one else sees it. You note the card in the window as being the 9 of Clubs. In your mind Hearts comes after Clubs, plus 3 is 12 which is a Queen. So you know their card is the Queen of Hearts. Make sure you play this card trick up big. This is a presentational piece. Larry Becker (although a tiny bit different) has received standing ovations off this one trick alone I've heard.